

Three New Boreholes in Malawi—Cooperative Venture with Rotary International

One of the most valuable things that LifeNets does is to provide clean, fresh drinking water to communities. This is done by drilling boreholes. Some of our boreholes serve as many as a thousand people. Others are for communities of 70-150. They are expensive, but the benefit to a community is immense. This project, which consisted of three boreholes, cost \$28,000—of which Rotary gave \$21,000 through a matching grant. A borehole nearby means less time spent by women and children carrying needed water. The water is carried on their heads—for adults it's a container holding about five gallons. Victor and Beverly Kubik recently visited two of the completed wells. Our LifeNets representative Wordsworth Rashid writes this report:



Victor and Beverly Kubik at one of the new Salima boreholes

"Mzembera and Katambo Villages are located in Salima district, Central East of Malawi. The communities here are poor: many people don't have a job and the people who do have a job mostly work in the field of agriculture. Women are responsible for caring for their families, doing household chores, fetching water and working on the land. More than 800 have to share one source of water. This results in too little access to clean water, long queues and poor hygiene. Women and children walk several times, including late hours each day, to get water. "There is a call for help from the communities in Salima district and other districts in Malawi to drill more boreholes that will give the communities access to clean and safe drinking water. This may contribute to improving health of people and safety for women and children who cover very long distances fetching water.



"LifeNets and Rotary recently donated three boreholes to Malawi. Two have

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"Revival" Centre Near Chernobyl Celebrates 15 Years of Hope for Children

LifeNets has worked with this award-winning center from its opening in 1996. We have sent containers, equipment, financial assistance, delegations and more over the years. Director Dr. Vasyl Pasichnyk writes to us about their 15th Anniversary observance this past June:

"We are very thankful for the greetings we received from you for the 15th anniversary of the work of the 'Revival' Center. We regret that we could not be together on this day. We had 14 people who came outside the borders of Ukraine. The Ambassador of Great Britain, Leigh Turner, was present and he really liked the Center! The Ambassador, administration, and other highly qualified guests valued the organization and activity of the Center.

"We are very thankful to you for your help in the establishment and support of the Center in doing its work."



British Ambassador Leigh Turner visiting the Centre on its 15th Jubilee.



LifeNets Sends Four Youth Corps Workers to Zambia in August

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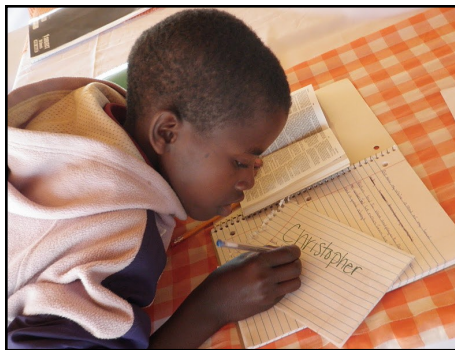
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LifeNets cooperated with the United Church of God's Youth Corps Program by helping to send four volunteers to Zambia to help teach English and computer skills and to conduct leadership training. They were Marc Eddington, Lewis and Lena VanAusdle and Jim Tuck. Part of the program was a one week leadership program that included participants from Malawi and the other was to help with a Youth Camp.

The week began with English lessons for 17 adults and one adolescent and leadership training for 21 people. Time was spent each morning on vocabulary lessons. There were more advanced classes focused on writing. Our group provided topics, worksheets and time for the participants to write as well as individual instruction. At the end of each session the participants' writing was corrected and the evenings were spent writing notes and corrections for the next day.

After the Leadership program a Youth Camp was held for 42 campers who were able to participate in sporting activities, public speaking, first aid classes, career guidance and Christian living for four full days.

Our volunteers were able to visit other areas of Zambia including the interior Mumbwa region as well as the Copper Belt. This trip was beneficial to the Zambians as well as provided a rich experience for the LifeNets/Youth Corps volunteers!



Youngest participant Christopher writing his life story.



Participants Lewis & Lena VanAusdle and Marc Eddington

New Cattle Project in Brazil!

LifeNets is starting a new cattle project in the indigenous tribal area of Maloca de Moscow of Brazil.

We have already purchased 6 heifers and placed them in a well-watered and grassy area in the tribal territory. The area has grass which was planted many years ago by previous farmers in the land before the area was allocated as an indigenous region.

It has a water reservoir and a river with clean water which has flowed continuously even during the driest periods.

The people have fenced the area with barbed wire and are plan-



ning to build a special enclosed area for breeding. The plan is to help them to purchase up to 20 head of cattle. This means

that we are planning to help them purchase another 14 heifers at an average cost of approximately \$400 per heifer, and a young bullock at an approximate cost of \$600, making a total estimated cost of \$6200 for the heads of cattle, beside other construction costs, vaccinations, etc.

The people in Maloca are mainly farmers and they are planting various types of seed, such as mandioc, sugar cane, and wheat. Follow our Website and eNews for more developments. We're glad to get this started!

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been drilled in Salima district and another one in Mulanje. LifeNets launched the two boreholes drilled in Salima. It was all smiles to the people of both Mzembera and Katambo villages in Salima District in Malawi, because it was like a dream come true for them to taste water from the borehole. The ceremony started at Mzembera village, which is about 20 km away from Salima district Headquarters.

"People of Mzembera village had lots of excitement to have been given this facility, as it has eased their burden of walking long distances to look for safe water. All this was demonstrated in their speeches which took place after the village head and the LifeNets chairman, together with Mr. Rashid, tasted the water

from the boreholes. An old woman, Grace Thole, used to walk a very long distance to draw some water in a bucket. She is now a grateful woman because she has safe, clean water just 30 meters away from her home. Women in both villages sang songs of thankfulness to Rotary and LifeNets.... ♪♪..♪♪ Lero limenero lero, Lero limenero lero, Lero limenero lero, chitsime chabwera (Oh! yes it is the day, yes it is the day Oh! yes it is the day, we now have the Borehole).....♪♪..♪♪"

In both villages, people pledged to take care of the boreholes and established committees to look after the facility should there be any breakdowns. Thanks to LifeNets and Rotary International for the assistance in improving people's welfare not only in Salima and Mulanje but also Malawi as a whole.

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